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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 August 2005.

2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.

2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-60 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☒ Claim(s) 19, 20, 23-40 and 53-55 is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-15, 18, 21, 22, 41-48, 51, 52 and 56-59 is/are rejected.

7) ☒ Claim(s) 16, 17, 49, 50 and 60 is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/29/05.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)

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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The indicated allowability of claims 11-15, 18, 21, 22, 41-48, 51, 52, and 56-59 are withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Whitcroft et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,264,649. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 11-15, 18, 21, 22, 41-48, 51, 52, and 56-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Whitcroft et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,264,649.

Whitcroft discloses a laser treatment device and method of use, the treatment device comprising:

a body having a first planer surface, which is placed against a patient's skin, the first planer surface including a first area for cooling the patient's skin, and a second area which defines an aperture/recessed window adjacent the first area; a radiation source disposed in the body, the radiation source positioned to emit treatment energy through the aperture; and an open region (viewing window 100) between the aperture/recessed

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window to permit viewing of the patient's skin under the recessed window as presently claimed. See Figures 8, 8A, and 15; and col. 4, line 13 through col. 6, line 12.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 19, 20, 23-40 and 53-55 are allowed.

Claims 16, 17, 49, 50 and 60 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See the following references:

US Patent No. 5,830,208 to Muller discloses a skin 154 cooling element 164 and a window/aperture 166 adjacent to it, see Figure 3 and col. 5, line 43.

US Patent No. 56,758,845, to Weckwerth et al. disclose a skin cooling surface 104 and an adjacent energy delivery port, see Figure 10.

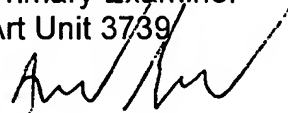
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ahmed M. Farah whose telephone number is (571) 272-4765. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur. 9:30 AM-7:30 PM, and 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eleni Mantis-Mercader can be reached on (571) 272-4740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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